

COSMO-16

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All places listed below are recommended; they are listed in approximate order of our preference.

Places to dine

Higher-end (>\$30/person)

- [Logan](#): New American cuisine, extensive wine list -- [115 W Washington](#)
- [Eve](#): chef has background in Classic French Cuisine, combines with influences from Africa, Cuba, Vietnam. Very close to conference venue. -- [300 S Thayer St](#)
- [Vinology](#): upscale dining along with a chic wine bar featuring over 150 wines from all over the world -- [110 S Main](#)
- [Grange](#): excellent farm-to-table cuisine, nice bar upstairs -- [118 W. Liberty](#)
- [Sava's](#): artisan foods, constantly changing menu of salads, burgers, panini, etc., good craft beer selections and cocktails.. Very close to conference venue. -- [216 S State St](#)
- [Zingerman's Roadhouse](#): restaurant serving gourmet dishes from the Zingerman's company (see below), need vehicle to get here -- [2501 Jackson Ave](#)
- [Cardamom](#): really good Indian restaurant near North Campus, need vehicle to get here -- [1739 Plymouth Rd](#)
- [Shalimar](#): downtown Indian restaurant -- [307 S Main](#)
- [Aventura](#): Trendy tapas restaurant, sangria pitchers -- [216 E. Washington](#)
- [Blue Nile](#): Ethiopian restaurant, all you can eat utensil-free platters of meats, veggies, lentils, good for large groups -- [221 E Washington](#)
- [Seva](#): popular vegan-vegetarian restaurant, need car to get here -- [2541 Jackson Ave](#)
- [Miki](#): Japanese cuisine, sushi, and select Korean dishes -- [106 S 1st St](#)

Mid-end/Fast (\$15-20/person)

- [Hop Cat](#): a popular Michigan bar chain, over 200 craft beers on tap, delicious apps (recommendation: crack fries), standard bar cuisine but very high end quality. Spacious, artsy interior, good for large groups -- [311 Maynard St](#)
- [Jolly Pumpkin](#): world-renown sour beer connoisseurs, sourdough pizzas, signature truffle fries, burgers, vegetarian and vegan options -- [311 S Main St](#)
- [Blue Tractor](#): local brew pub, BBQ pork and chicken, burgers, comfort food, homemade BBQ sauces, limited vegetarian options -- [207 E. Washington](#)

- [Mani](#): Italian pasta and pizza, small plates, wine -- [341 E Liberty](#)
- [Isalita](#): fancy Mexican cantina, small plates, street tacos, pitchers of mojitos and margaritas -- [341 E Liberty](#)
- [Grizzly Peak](#): local brew pub, American cuisine -- [120 W. Washington](#)
- [Arbor Brewing Company](#): local brew pub, American cuisine -- [114 E Washington](#)
- [Frita Batidos](#): Cuban inspired street food, messy but delicious burgers called fritas (beef, chorizo, black bean) and milkshakes called batidos (alcoholic optional). Also, fried plantains and churros. Seating is first come-first serve and lunch room style. Will be very busy around dinner time on Fridays. -- [117 W Washington St](#)
- [Jerusalem Garden](#): Lebanese, falafel, chicken shawarma, kafta kabab, baba ganoush, the best pita & hummus in A2. Also good for lunch. -- [314 E Liberty](#)
- Lunch Room: Vegan restaurant and bakery, also with lots of gluten free options. [407 N 5th Ave.](#)

Good-for-lunch (quick and cheap, but good quality)

- [Revive](#): build your own salads, grab and go salads and sandwiches, paninis and hot sandwiches, coffee (sit in or take out) -- [619 E University](#)
- [Belly Deli](#): bahn mi-style sandwiches and Asian salads (sit in or take out) -- [1317 S University](#)
- Rich J.C. Korean Cafe: good Korean bibimbap and more, bar-style seating, best for groups <=4 people -- [1313 E University](#)
- [Ayaka](#): good sushi close to campus, best for groups <=4 people -- [1205 S University](#)
- [Pita Kabob Grill](#): falafel wraps, shawarma and salads to go in a small spot right near campus -- [619 E. William](#)
- [Sadako](#): another excellent sushi option -- [1321 S University](#)
- Fast food on S. University: Jimmy John's, Panchero's burritos (excellent!), Burger-Fi, No Thai
- Fast food on N. University/State St.: Panera, Noodle's & Company, Jimmy John's, Chipotle, Potbelly Sandwiches, Piada (Italian street food), Pieology (pizza)

Places for caffeinated beverages

- [Comet Coffee](#): best coffee in town *and* close to conference venue. Located in [Nickels Arcade](#), high end coffee and coffee drinks, latte art, each cup of coffee is prepared individually based on the selection, so expect a longer wait time even if line is short, also a small coffee sizes for a higher price, not a lot of sitting room
- [The Espresso Bar](#): located above [Literati Bookstore](#), about 10 minutes walk from campus, high end espresso drinks, free wifi, friendly staff, though seating can be limited at peak hours -- [204 S. Fourth Ave](#)
- [Mighty Good Coffee](#): spacious downtown cafe with lattes and coffee, free wifi, good place for large groups -- [217 N Main](#). Another location on 1335 S. University, close to Sadako Japanese

- [Tea Haus](#): Gourmet tea shop; can buy many kinds of loose leaf tea, and sit down for brewed tea and excellent macarons. [204 N Fourth Ave](#)
- [Sweetwaters](#): espresso and coffee, baked goods, multiple locations around A2 -- [407 N 5th Ave](#) in Kerrytown Market & Shops, [123 W Washington](#), [604 E Liberty](#)
- [Espresso Royale](#): espresso and coffee, hot and cold, multiple locations around A2 -- [324 S State](#), [1101 S University](#) (this one is 100 feet from West Hall)

Places for alcoholic beverages

- [The Last Word](#): modern day speakeasy with fancy craft cocktails and an extensive whiskey/bourbon/scotch list (half off whiskey Wed). Great atmosphere. Small bites. No password needed, but it's difficult to find: look for the red unlabeled door around the corner from the LIVE. Groups of 3+ people are encouraged to try the Flaming Volcano. -- [301 W Huron](#)
- [Bill's Beer Garden](#): home garden shop by day, very green beer garden by night, outdoor seating, craft beer, cider, wine, sangria. Check website for hours as they change seasonally, usually open 6-10pm. Food carts are accessible ([Mark's Carts](#)). -- [210 S Ashley St](#)
- [Raven's Club](#): fancy cocktails and craft beer, home to the best "old-fashioned" in town, small bites -- [207 S Main St](#)
- [MASH](#): located in the speakeasy-style basement of Blue Tractor, craft beer, beer cocktails, whiskey, bourbon, appetizer menu, usually quiet/empty around happy hour so good for very large groups (recommend ordering from the bar) -- [211 E Washington](#)
- [Alley Bar](#): hipster bar with cozy booths and couches, pinball machines, and PBR paraphernalia, serves both fancy cocktails and ~\$2.50 24oz PBR (recommend their signature cucumber melon cocktail, extremely refreshing!) -- [112 W Liberty](#)
- [Old Town](#): old-school tavern with cheap drinks and food, open late -- [122 W liberty](#)
- [The Bar at 327 Braun Court](#): hideaway Kerrytown bar with creative cocktails and craft beer -- [327 Braun Ct](#)
- Dominick's: outdoor garden and patio seating, shareable food (chips & artichoke dip, bosco sticks, garlic bread, etc.) and the best sangria in A2 (ordering by the pitcher is recommended for large groups as the lines to order more food and booze can get long during happy hour, takes reservations for large groups if you call several hours in advance) -- [812 Monroe St](#)
- [Ashley's](#): local multi-tap est. 1983, 200+ craft beers on tap. Famous stilton cheese fries, recommended if you like intense bleu cheese. Better for smaller groups. Has trivia on Monday and Thursday nights. -- [338 S State St](#)

Places to explore

[Zingerman's](#): Famous gourmet food business located in the lovely Kerrytown neighborhood just north of downtown A2, 15 min walk from conference venue. Superb sandwiches (100+) endorsed

by influential people such as [Barack Obama](#) and [Oprah Winfrey](#) and hand-picked food from around the world.. Peruse the racks of spices, pickles, jams, butters, oils, vinegars, coffee, chocolate, all world-class quality. Be sure to sample the olive oils, balsamic vinegar and cheese. Lunch time can get really busy right at noon, dinner time is more relaxed and less busy. There's dessert options at "Next Door" where you can also ask them to wrap up your sandwich to take home. Excellent place to buy food gifts.

[Nichols Arboretum](#): if you need a break and want to take a walk through nature, this place is a close walk from central campus. Located next to the Huron river. Closest entrance is on the medical campus on [Washington Heights](#)

[Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase](#): Located at 212 S Fourth Ave., the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase (formerly the Mainstreet Comedy Showcase) Opened in 1984. Past performers include Tim Allen, Drew Carey, Rosie O'Donnell, Chris Titus, Ellen DeGeneres, and Paula Poundstone. On Thursday, August 11th, [J. J. Williams](#) headlines (Show at 8 pm, tickets \$10) On August 12th and 13th, [Jason Benci](#) headlines (Shows at 8 pm and 10:30 pm, \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door.)

Kerrytown [Farmer's Market](#): operates on Wed and Sat in the summer time..

[Vault of Midnight](#): Comic book and board game store at [219 S Main St.](#)

[Planet Rock](#): Rock climbing gym, about a [15 minute drive from downtown Ann Arbor](#), need a car to get there.

[Michigan Theatre](#) and [State Theatre](#): two movie theatres in downtown Ann Arbor, within easy walking distance of campus.

[The Ark](#): Non-profit folk music venue on [Main St.](#)

Ice cream: [The Blank Slate Creamery](#) is on [Liberty St](#) and has a large number of house made ice cream flavors. [Washtenaw Dairy](#) is a little [farther away](#), also has good ice cream and donuts.